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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1816
INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, PORS, AR, EC
SUBJECT: BOMB ATTACKS AGAINST LOCAL POLITICAL LEADER AND
ARGENTINE DIPLOMAT

REF: QUITO 6058

1. TWO POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED BOMBINGS OCCURRED IN QUITO
IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 28 A
DYNAMITE BOMB EXPLODED OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE OF EUGENIO
FERNANDO BRACHT, COUNSELOR OF THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN
QUITO; AND ON SEPTEMBER 30 A DYNAMITE BOMB EXPLODED OUT-
SIDE THE UDZTDENT CARLOS JULIO AROSEMENA'S PARTIDO
NACIONAL REVOLUCIONARIO, A RIGHT WING NATIONALIST PARTY.
WHILE BOTH BOMBS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY DAMAGE,
THERE WERE NO SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURIES. THE ATTACKS,
PARTICULARLY THAT AGAINST THE ARGENTINE, RECEIVED LIMITED
PRESS COVERAGE.

2. ORTUNO CLAIMED TO THE PRESS THAT, "PERSONALLY, I
KNOW WHO DID IT. I PREFER FOR THE PRESENT NOT TO
IDENTIFY THEM, BUT I WILL DO IT WHEN I HAVE THE NECES-
ARY PROOF." ORTUNO HAS NOT, HOWEVER, MADE ANY FURTHER
STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT.

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3. THESE ARE THE FIRST TERRORIST ATTACKS SINCE THE LATE AUGUST BOMBINGS DIRECTED AGAINST THE STATE OIL COMPANY (CEPE) AND OTHER GROUPS CONNECTED WITH THE SCANDAL-RIDDEN ESMERALDAS OFFSHORE LOADING TERMINAL PROJECT. WHILE THERE IS NO OBTENSIBLE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE TARGETS OF THESE RECENT BOMBINGS, THE "MODUS OPERANDI" IS SIMILAR.

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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO THE RSC ON 2 AND 3 NOV. 76. AT APPROXIMATELY NOON 2 OCT., JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA, PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA, WAS ATTENDING CEREMONIES AT CAMPO DE MAYO IN HONOR OF THE COMMUNICATIONS UNITS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY. HE DEPARTED THE REVIEWING STAND TO GO TO ANOTHER PART OF THE POST. APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES AFTER HIS DEPARTURE, A BOMB DETONATED UNDERNEATH THE REVIEWING STAND. THE BOMB CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY 4.7KG OF AN EXPLOSIVE EQUIVALENT TO CYANAMIDE. THE REVIEWING STAND WAS CONSTRUCTED OF PIPE TYPE SCAFFOLDING. THE BOMB HAD BEEN IMBEDDED IN ONE OF THE SITES. BOMB WAS DETONATED BY MECHANICAL TIMER. SOA PERSONNEL TOOK INTO GUICCOY THE MUNICIPAL WORKERS WHO HAD ERECTED THE REVIEWING STAND. ONE MEMBER OF GUICCOY ACCUSED TO PLANTER THE BOMB. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE

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IN THE AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, EIGHT INDIVIDUALS WERE
KILLED BY THE EXPLOSION INCLUDING ONE REPORTER.

8. ALSO CONCERNING SPECIFICALLY, AN INTERESTING POINT
WITH RESPECT TO THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT IS THE FACT THAT
AMONG THE MUNICIPAL WORK FORCE AN OBVIOUS TERRORIST HAD
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APPARENTLY BEEN A LATENT STATE AND ACTIVATED FOR THIS
PARTICULAR ACTIVITY. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT
IN THE BOMBING OF THE POLICE INTELLIGENCE HQ (B.A. 4374)
INVESTIGATION SUBSEQUENTLY REVEALED THAT THE BOMBING WAS
PERPETRATED BY TWO POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN RECRUITED
BY THE MONTONEROS, SENT THROUGH POLICE TRAINING AND
ACTIVATED FOR THAT PARTICULAR OPERATION. NUMEROUS TERRORIST
ACTIONS HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF REINTEGRATIONS INTO THE POLICE,
MILITARY AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE G.O.A. NO MENTION OF
THIS EVENT HAS APPEARED IN ARGENTINE NEWS MEDIA.

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